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SUBJECT: CE PROGRAM (ALLOCATION OF JUNE CE NUMBERS)

REF: A. HONG KONG 5822; B. KUALA LUMPUR 3254.

SUMMARY: EMBASSY FACING DECREASING CREDIBILITY ON
BOAT REFUGEE ISSUE WITH GOM. MUST INITIATE SUBSTANTIAL
MOVEMENT DURING JUNE. STRONGLY RECOMMEND 176 CE NUMBERS
FOR MONTH OF JUNE ALL REPEAT ALL BE ASSIGNED TO MALAYSIA.
END SUMMARY.

1. INS OFFICER APPROVED APPROX. 400 REFUGEES FOR MOVEMENT DURING
RECENT VISIT. 58 BEING MOVED MAY 29. APPROX. 340 REMAIN, OF
WHOM ONLY 30 HAVE PRIORITY DATE PRIOR TO NOV. 15, 1976.
THUS IF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF REFUGEES ARE TO BE MOVED
IT IS ESSENTIAL REPEAT ESSENTIAL THAT A LARGE NUMBER CE
NUMBERS BE USED FOR REFUGEES WHO OTHERWISE WOULD MOVE AS
NP IMMIGRANTS IF THEY HAD EARLIER PRIORITY DATE. THIS
WILL BE A CONTINUING PROBLEM AS THE VAST MAJORITY OF
ELIGIBLE REFUGEES HAVE PRIORITY DATE JANUARY 1, 1977
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OR LATER.

2. MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY
DISTURBED OVER THE SLOWNESS OF MOVEMENT IN RESETTLING
THE REFUGEES. LATEST COUNT INDICATES THERE ARE OVER
1,800 REFUGEES CURRENTLY IN MALAYSIA. THE FLOOD OF
RECENT ARRIVALS SHOWS NO SIGNS OF DECREASING. AN

EXAMPLE OF THE POSITION BEING TAKEN BY SOME OFFICIALS INVOLVES A RECENTLY ARRIVED BOAT WITH 73 ABOARD IN KUCHING, SARAWAK. THE BOAT WAS SHOT AT BY VIETNAMESE PATROL CRAFT AS IT WAS LEAVING VIETNAM AND TWO ABOARD WERE KILLED. THREE OTHERS SUFFERED RELATIVELY SERIOUS GUNSHOT WOUNDS. UPON ARRIVAL IN GOEBILT (KUCHING) THESE THREE AND TWO OTHER SICK INDIVIDUALS WERE TAKEN FOR TREATMENT TO LOCAL HOSPITAL. ACCORDING TO RED CRESCENT OFFICIAL THEY HAVE SINCE BEEN PUT BACK ABOARD THE BOAT WHICH IS ANCHORED IN MIDRIVER. SOURCE IS EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC THAT BOAT WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN. HE ATTRIBUTES THIS TO ANGER AND DISAPPOINTMENT BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OVER LACK OF MOVEMENT THUS FAR. SOURCE STATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 50 FROM THIS BOAT APPEAR ELIGIBLE UNDER CE PROGRAM. IN ADDITION BOAT IS IN POOR CONDITION AND EXTREMELY OVERCROWDED. TWO PEOPLE APPARENTLY FELL OVERBOARD DUE TO EXTREME OVERCROWDING WHILE TRYING TO SLEEP AND NEARLY DROWNED.

3. EMBASSY FEELS THAT IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT FROM MALAYSIA TAKE PLACE IN JUNE. IF THIS DOES NOT OCCUR, ASSURANCES INCLUDING THOSE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROLAND, TO GOM WILL BE BROKEN. WHAT REMAINS OF U.S., UNHCR CREDIBILITY IN REGARD TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT WILL BE DESTROYED WITH THE LIKELY RESULT OF INCREASINGLY HOSTILE GOM ATTITUDE TOWARDS REFUGEES.

4. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MALAYSIA BE ALLOCATED ALL 176 CE NUMBERS FOR JUNE IN ORDER TO FORESTALL FURTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HARDENING OF GOM ATTITUDE AND COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF PRINCIPLE OF TEMPORARY FIRST ASYLUM.
(ANTI-REFUGEE REMARKS OF HOME MINISTER
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